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Hi Pam:

I'm still waiting from the official OK from the Department before we make this data available, both internally and externally.

On Tue, Dec 5, 2017 at 11:08 AM, Jarnecke, Pamela <[pjarnecke@blm.gov](mailto:pjarnecke@blm.gov)> wrote:

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So what we need is the GIS files associated with the maps referenced in the proclamations. The acreage totals are explicit, suggesting the underlying GIS will calculate exactly the boundaries of the monuments. Do any of you have access to the GIS shape files? They can, essentially, reverse engineer legal descriptions for us.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
Office of the Press Secretary  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
December 4, 2017  
MODIFYING THE BEARS EARS NATIONAL MONUMENT

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

In Proclamation 9558 of December 28, 2016, and in accordance with his authority under section 320301 of title 54, United States Code (the "Antiquities Act"), President Barack Obama established the Bears Ears National Monument in the State of Utah to protect approximately 1.35 million acres of Federal lands for the benefit and management of objects of historic and scientific interest identified therein. The monument is managed jointly by the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management and the Department of Agriculture's United States Forest Service (USFS). This proclamation makes certain modifications to the monument.

Proclamation 9558 identifies a long list of objects of historic or scientific interest. It describes cultural resources such as ancient cliff dwellings (including the Moon House, the Doll House Ruins), Moki Steps, Native American ceremonial tools and projectile points, remains of single family dwellings, granaries, kivas, towers, large villages, rock shelter, and a prehistoric road system, as well as petroglyphs.

pictographs, and recent rock art left by the Ute, Navajo, Paiute peoples. It also identifies other types of historical objects, such as remnants of Native American sheep herding operations and early engineering by pioneers and settlers, including smoothed sections of rock, dugway cabins, corrals, trails, and inscriptions carved into the Hole in the Rock and Outlaw Trails. It also describes landscape features such as the Bears Ears, Comb Ridge Mesa, the Valley of the Gods, the Abajo Mountains, and Juan River, and paleontological resources such as the remains of fishes, amphibians, reptiles, and mammals, dinosaur trackways and traces of other terrestrial animals. Finally, it identifies several species, including animals like the porcupine, badger, and coyote; birds like the red-tailed hawk, Mexican spotted owl, American kestrel, and turkeys; and plants such as the Fremont cottonwood, Abajo daisy, sandbar willow, and boxelder.

The Antiquities Act requires that any reservation part of a monument be confined to the smallest area consistent with the proper care and management of the objects of scientific interest to be protected. Determining the protective area involves examination of a number of factors including the uniqueness and nature of the objects, the extent of the needed protection, and the protection provided by

Some of the objects Proclamation 9558 identifies are unique to the monument, and some of the particular examples identified in the proclamation are not of significant scientific or historic interest. Moreover, many of the objects identified in Proclamation 9558 were not under threat of destruction before designation such that they require reservation of land to protect them. In fact, objects identified in Proclamation 9558 were then and still are subject to Federal protections under existing laws and agency management designations. For example, more than 500,000 acres were being managed to maintain, enhance, or protect their character before they were designated as part of a national monument. Specifically, the BLM manages approximately 1.3 million acres of lands within the existing monument as Wild and Scenic Rivers Areas, which the BLM is required by law to manage so as not to impair their suitability for future congressional designation as Wilderness. On lands managed by the USFS, 46,348 acres of the congressionally designated Dark Canyon Wilderness, which, under the 1964 Wilderness Act, 16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq., and the Utah Wilderness Act of 1984, Public Law 98-428, are managed so as to maintain or enhance its wilderness character.

Approximately 89,396 acres of the USFS lands are also 8 inventoried roadless areas, which are managed under 2001 Roadless Rule so as to protect their wilderness

A host of laws enacted after the Antiquities Act specific protection for archaeological, historic, cultural, paleontological, and plant and animal resources and grant authority to the BLM and USFS to conditionally permit on Federal lands, whether within or outside a monument. These laws include the Archaeological Resources Protection Act 16 U.S.C. 470aa-470mm, National Historic Preservation Act U.S.C. 300101 et seq., Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act U.S.C. 668-668d, Endangered Species Act of 1973, 16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq., Federal Cave Resources Protection Act of 1987, Federal Land Policy and Management Act U.S.C. 1701 et seq., Migratory Bird Treaty Act, 16 U.S.C. 1712, National Forest Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1600 et seq., Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act 25 U.S.C. 3001 et seq., and Paleontological Resources Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. 470aaa-470aaaa-11. Of particular note, the Archaeological Resources Protection Act specifically protects archaeological resources from looting or other desecration and imposes criminal penalties for unauthorized excavation, removal, damage, alteration, or defacement of archaeological resources. Federal land management agencies may grant a permit authorizing excavation or removal, but only undertaken for the purpose of furthering archaeological knowledge. The Paleontological Resources Preservation Act contains very similar provisions protecting paleontological resources. And the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and Endangered Species Act protect migratory birds and listed and threatened species and their habitats. Moreover, the USFS were already addressing many of the threats to cultural resources identified in Proclamation 9558 in their governing laws before designation of the monument.

Given the nature of the objects identified on the land reserved by Proclamation 9558, the lack of a threat to destruction to many of those objects, and the protection those objects already provided by existing law and resource use plans, I find that the area of Federal land reserved for Bears Ears National Monument established by Proclamation 9558 is not confined to the smallest area compatible with the protection and management of those objects. The important objects of scientific or historic interest can instead be protected through a smaller and more appropriate reservation of 2 areas: the San Juan River and Indian Creek. Revising the boundaries of the monument

cover these 2 areas will ensure that, in accordance w Antiquities Act, it is no larger than necessary for t care and management of the objects to be protected wi monument.

The Shash Jáa area contains the heart of the nat monument: the iconic twin buttes known as the Bears tower 2,000 feet above the surrounding landscape and considered sacred to the Native American tribes that area their ancestral home. Many of the significant c described by Proclamation 9558 can be found throughou Jáa area. Ancestral Puebloan occupation of the area the Basketmaker II period at least 2,500 years ago, a behind objects such as pit houses, storage pits, lith campsites, rock shelters, pictographs, and baskets, a manos and metates for grinding corn. Occupation dati Basketmaker III period, from approximately 500 to 750 additional evidence of maize and bean based agricult with pottery, bows and arrows, pit houses, kivas, stc and dispersed villages.

New waves of human settlement occurred around 90 the Pueblo I period gave rise to large villages near and 1050 C.E., when inhabitants from the Pueblo II pe expansive and complex multi family dwellings. Around the dawn of the Pueblo III period, the area's inhabit increasingly sought shelter in cliff dwellings and le evidence of an era of unrest. Several centuries late Paiute, and Navajo came to occupy the area.

East of the Bears Ears is Arch Canyon, within wh paleontologists have found numerous fossils from the Upper Permian eras. Cliff dwellings are hidden throu canyon, and the mouth of the canyon holds the fabled ruin, which spans the Pueblo II and III periods and c pictographs and petroglyphs ranging from the Archaic historic periods.

Just south of Arch Canyon are the north and sout Mule Canyon. Five hundred feet deep, 5 miles long, a with alternating layers of red and white sandstone, t striking canyons contain shelter cliff dwellings and archaeological sites, including the scenic and access on Fire Ruin, which includes differing masonry styles indicate several episodes of construction and use.

Perched high on the open tablelands above the sc

Mule Canyon are the Mule Canyon ruins, where visitors exposed masonry walls of ancient living quarters and restored kiva. The deep canyons and towering mesas c Jáa area are full of similar sites, including rock ar of single family dwellings, granaries, kivas, towers the Cave Towers), and large villages primarily from t and III periods, along with sites from the Basketmake Archaic periods.

The Shash Jáa area also includes Comb Ridge, a n trending monocline that originates near the boundary La Sal National Forest, ends near the San Juan River, contains remnants from the region's thousands of year habitation, including cliff dwellings, granaries, kiv ceremonial sites, and the Butler Wash ruin, a world f Ancestral Puebloan ruin with multiple rooms and kivas. Ridge also includes world class examples of ancient r such as the Butler Wash Kachina Panel, a wall sized r Juan Anthropomorph figures that dates to the Basketma and is considered to be one of the Southwest's most i petroglyph panels for understanding the daily life an the Basketmaker people. Significant fossil sites hav discovered in Butler Wash.

Just north of upper Butler Wash, the aspen fille Draw contains a series of alcoves that have sheltered human habitation for thousands of years, including Ca site where Richard Wetherill, as part of the Hyde Exp 1893, first identified what we know today as the Bask people. The nearby Milk Ranch Point is home to a ric concentration of kivas, granaries, dwellings, and oth that Pueblo I farmers used this area to cultivate cor and squash.

The Shash Jáa area also contains the Comb Ridge which includes a trackway created by a giant arthropod (*Diplichnites cuithensis*), the first recorded instanc trackway in Utah. Also, the diverse landscape of the area provides habitat for the vast majority of plant species described by Proclamation 9558.

Finally, the Shash Jáa area as described on the map includes 2 non contiguous parcels of land that en Moon House Ruin, an example of iconic Pueblo-decorated architecture, which was likely the last occupied site Mesa, as well as Doll House Ruin, a fully intact and preserved single room granary that is associated with

extensive agricultural area on the mesa top. These s  
ruins are important examples of cultural resource obj  
should remain within the monument's boundaries.

The Indian Creek area likewise contains objects  
significance described in Proclamation 9558. At its  
the broad Indian Creek Canyon, which is characterized  
red cliffs and spires of exposed and eroded layers of  
Kayenta, Wingate, and Cedar Mesa sandstone, including  
North and South Six Shooter Peaks.

Also located within the Indian Creek area is the  
Research Center. Spanning lands managed by the Natic  
Service, BLM, USFS, and private landowners, this uniq  
partnership works to increase our understanding of th  
natural systems on the landscape, providing their cus  
information they need to adapt to the challenges of a  
Colorado Plateau.

Newspaper Rock, a popular attraction in the Indi  
area, is a roadside rock art panel that has been list  
National Register of Historic Places since 1976. Thi  
displays a significant concentration of rock art from  
periods, etched into Wingate sandstone. The older ar  
attributed to the Ancestral Puebloan people who inhak  
region for 2,000 years, while the more recent rock ar  
attributed to the Ute people who still live in the Fc  
area.

In addition to Newspaper Rock, the Indian Creek  
contains numerous other significant rock art sites, i  
distinctive and well preserved petroglyphs in Shay Ca  
area also provides opportunities for cultural and sci  
research and paleontological study. Dinosaur tracks  
bottom of the Shay Canyon stream bed are a unique vis  
of the area's distant past. Additional paleontologic  
can be found throughout the Indian Creek area, includ  
vertebrate and invertebrate fossils, primarily in the  
Formation. The Indian Creek area also includes 2 prc  
mesas, Bridger Jack Mesa and Lavender Mesa, which are  
relict plant communities, predominantly composed of p  
juniper woodland, with small, interspersed sagebrush  
exist only on these isolated islands in the desert se  
generally, unaltered by humans. These mesas provide  
opportunity for comparative studies of pinyon-juniper  
and sagebrush communities in other parts of the Color  
Plateau. Additionally, the Indian Creek area include  
exposed Chinle Formation, known for abundant fossiliz

fauna, including pelecypods, gastropods, arthropods, amphibians, and reptiles (including dinosaurs). Final area is well known for vertebrate trackways, including footprints.

Some of the existing monument's objects, or certain of those objects, are not within the monument's revised boundaries because they are adequately protected by the designation, agency policy, or governing land use plan. For example, although the modified boundaries do not include the Juan River or the Valley of the Gods, both of those areas are protected by existing administratively designated Areas of Critical Environmental Concern. Plant and animal species such as the bighorn sheep, the Kachina daisy, the Utah night lizard, and the *Eucosma navajoensis* moth are protected by the Endangered Species Act and existing land use plans and policies for special-status species. Additionally, some of the rare plant species falls within existing Wilderness Areas and Wilderness Study Areas. Finally, although Hideout Canyon is likely included within the modified boundaries, it is generally considered threatened and is partially within a Wilderness Study Area.

The areas described above are the smallest components of the protection of the important objects identified in Proclamation 9558. The modification of the Bears Ears National Monument will maintain and protect those objects and the area's cultural, scientific, and historic legacy.

WHEREAS, Proclamation 9558 of December 28, 2016, reserved approximately 1.35 million acres of Federal lands for the care and management of the Bears Ears buttes and other objects of historic and scientific interest identified in the proclamation; and

WHEREAS, many of the objects identified by Proclamation 9558 are otherwise protected by Federal law; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to modify the boundaries of the monument to exclude from its designations approximately 1,150,860 acres of land that are unnecessary for the care and management of the objects protected within the monument; and

WHEREAS, the boundaries of the monument reservations should therefore be reduced to the smallest area compatible with the protection of the objects of scientific or historic interest described above in this proclamation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of United States of America, by the authority vested in section 320301 of title 54, United States Code, hereby that the boundaries of the Bears Ears National Monument are hereby modified and reduced to those lands and interests owned or controlled by the Federal Government within the boundaries described on the accompanying map, which is attached and forms a part of this proclamation. I hereby further proclaim that the modified monument areas identified on the accompanying map shall be known as the Indian Creek and House and Doll House Ruins. These reserved Federal interests in lands cumulatively encompass approximately 1,955 acres. The boundaries described on the accompanying map are confined to the smallest area compatible with the protection and management of the objects to be protected. Any lands Proclamation 9558 not within the boundaries identified on the accompanying map are hereby excluded from the monument.

At 9:00 a.m., eastern standard time, on the date specified in the proclamation, subject to existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawal requirements of applicable law, the public and National System lands excluded from the monument reservation shall be:

- (1) entry, location, selection, sale, or disposition under the public land laws and applicable to the U.S. Forest Service;
- (2) disposition under all laws relating to geothermal leasing; and
- (3) location, entry, and patent under the

Appropriation of lands under the mining laws before and time of restoration is unauthorized. Any such attempted appropriation, including attempted adverse possession under U.S.C. § 38, shall vest no rights against the United States. Acts required to establish a location and to initiate possession are governed by State law where not in conflict with Federal law.

Nothing in this proclamation shall be construed as a withdrawal of any lands from the Manti La Sal National Forest or to revoke, modify, or affect any withdrawal, reservation,

appropriation, other than the one created by Proclama

Nothing in this proclamation shall change the ma  
the areas designated and reserved by Proclamation 955  
remain part of the monument in accordance with the te  
proclamation, except as provided by the following 4 p

In recognition of the importance of tribal parti  
the care and management of the objects identified abc  
ensure that management decisions affecting the monume  
tribal expertise and traditional and historical knowl  
Proclamation 9558 established a Commission to provide  
and recommendations on the development and implementa  
management plans and on management of the monument, a  
partner with Federal agencies by making continuing cc  
to inform decisions regarding the management of the n  
order to ensure that the full range of tribal experti  
traditional historical knowledge is included in such  
recommendations, paragraph 29 of Proclamation 9558 is  
revised to provide that the Bears Ears Commission sha  
as the Shash Jáa Commission, shall apply only to the  
unit as described herein, and shall also include the  
officer of the San Juan County Commission representin  
acting in that officer's official capacity.

Proclamation 9558 is hereby revised to clarify t  
preparation of the transportation plan required by pa  
thereof, the Secretaries of the Interior and Agricult  
allow motorized and non mechanized vehicle use on roa  
trails designated for such use immediately before the  
Proclamation 9558 and maintain roads and trails for s

Paragraph 35 of Proclamation 9558 governing live  
grazing in the monument is hereby revised to read as  
"Nothing in this proclamation shall be deemed to affe  
authorizations for livestock grazing, or administrati  
on Federal lands within the monument. Livestock graz  
the monument shall continue to be governed by laws an  
regulations other than this proclamation."

Proclamation 9558 is amended to clarify that, cc  
with the care and management of the objects identifie  
Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture may authc  
ecological restoration and active vegetation manageme  
activities in the monument.

If any provision of this proclamation, including

application to a particular parcel of land, is held to invalid, the remainder of this proclamation and its application to other parcels of land shall not be affected thereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand  
fourth day of December, in the year of our Lord  
two thousand seventeen, and of the Independence of the  
United States of America the two hundred and forty-seventh.

DONALD J. TRUMP

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